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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a substitute Declaration for the present application. The substitute Declaration is being submitted because the Declaration filed August 8, 2005, did not indicate that priority of Japanese patent application No. 2002-261630 filed September 6, 2002, is claimed.

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